

## Week One: Introduction and Importance of Appearance

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## Introduction

[1] Book: Islamic Manners.

[2] Author: Shaykh 'Abdul Fattah Abu Ghuddah.

[3] Topic of book: Social Etiquette - dealing with others.

[4] Why the author wrote the book.

[5] Primary reaction while we read it: Introspection, **NOT** finding defects in others.

[6] At the time of the Prophet, one of the polytheists mockingly said to his companion Salman Al-Farisi: 'Your prophet has taught you everything, even the manners of going to the toilet.' Salman answered, 'Yes, the Prophet forbade us from facing the Qibla when urinating or getting rid of body waste.' Salman continued, 'the Prophet asked us not to use the right hand when cleaning ourselves and to use at least three stones for cleaning.'

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## Distinct Muslim Personality

[1] Emphasis of etiquette in Islam – Perfect the Muslim personality and bring harmony

[2] “Etiquette” – Does not imply that it is marginal

[3] Status of etiquette: Good character and deeds

[4] Our master, the Messenger of Allah ((PBUH)) directed the blessed companions by saying: 'You are on your way to meet your brothers, put on a nice dress and fix your riding so you appear distinct among people as a fleck [on a beautiful face]. Allah does not like roughness nor rough manners.'

[5] When the Prophet, peace be upon him, said: 'No one will enter Paradise if they have at heart a grain of arrogance.' A man asked: 'A man may like his dress to be nice and his shoes nice' The Prophet answered 'Allah is beautiful and likes beauty. Arrogance is to deny rights and look down at people.'

[6] Shaikh Ibn Taimia said that the beauty that Allah likes include nice clothes. Hence it could be said that Allah likes all nice things. Therefore, a Muslim ought to be recognized by neat dress, cleanliness and graceful appearance.

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## Cleanliness and Washing

[1] Perfume

[2] Hadith: Salman Al-Farsi said: the Prophet, peace be upon him, said 'Allah will forgive the sins of the past week for he who on Friday will take a bath, cleanse himself, put on his [regular] perfume or any perfume available in house. Then, he goes out [to Jumu'ah prayer] and does not try to separate two friends. Then he prays wherever he could and listens to the Imam.' If the body became odorous a day or two before Friday, one should not wait till Friday to cleanse the body. We should wash our bodies as soon as it require washing to keep ourselves clean and fresh.

[a] How to achieve this today? At work?

[3] Cleansing body when it becomes odorous.

[4] Not becoming excessive.

[5] Hadith narrated by Al-Bukhari and Muslim that Abu Huraira said, the Prophet, peace be upon him, said: 'It is the duty of every Muslim to have a bath once every week to wash his head and body.'

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## Arriving from a Journey

[1] Appearance and clothing

[2] The Prophet directed his companions upon returning from a journey: 'You are returning to your brethren, dress nicely, and sort out your rides so that you may become a beauty mark among people, for Allah does not like sloppiness or acting in a sloppy way.'

[3] Bring a gift to your host. Host should present a gift to his guest as well.

[4] The Prophet (PBUH), as reported by Bukhari, said: 'Exchange gifts; exchange love.'

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